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| <b>Office Action Summary</b> | <b>Application No.</b><br>10/840,011 | <b>Applicant(s)</b><br>CARBONARO, JOSEPH A. |  |
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### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 February 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \*    c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114***

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/27/2008 has been entered.

### ***Response to Amendment***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent No. 6,937,854 Janssen et al. (Janssen) and further in view of US Patent Application 2004/0132485 Charney et al. (Charney).

As to claims 1 and 12, Janssen teaches a communication system that enables remote station devices of said system to make and receive calls over a wireless network using a cell phone, coupled in series signal-wise between said wireless network and said remote station devices (col. 1 lines 11-22), said system comprising: a cell phone base coupled to a first wireless interface (col. 4 lines 57-64); said cell phone base is adapted to be coupled signal-wise to said cell phone (col. 4 lines 57-64); a plurality of remote stations (220 – figure 2, col. 5 lines 15-35); apparatus responsive to the receipt of an incoming call from said wireless network for extending said incoming call via said cell phone and first wireless interface of said cell phone base directly to one of said remote station devices (col. 7 lines 26-47). However, Janssen fails to disclose the remote station devices are remote landline stations; the plurality of remote station include wireless interfaces; each said remote land-line station device being individual to and coupled to a different one of said remote wireless interfaces and wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches the remote station devices are remote landline stations ([0022]); the plurality of remote station include wireless interfaces (expansion base unit 280 – figure 2, [0022]); each said remote land-line station device being individual to and coupled to a different one of said remote wireless interfaces ([0022]) and wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type ([0022]) and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include the remote station devices are remote landline stations; the plurality of remote station include wireless interfaces; each said remote land-line station device being individual to and coupled to a different one of said remote wireless interfaces and wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 8, Janssen teaches in a system having a first wireless interface adapted to coupled to a cell phone (col. 4 lines 57-64), said system further having a plurality of remote telephones 220 – figure 2, col. 5 lines 15-35), said system further comprising: apparatus for receiving indicia of a call request by either said first interface or by one of said remote telephones (col. 6 line 59 – col. 7 line 3); and apparatus that extends said call request to the other of said first wireless interface to establish a call connection between said cell-phone (col. 6 line 59 – col. 7 line 3). However, Janssen fails to disclose a plurality of remote wireless interfaces each of which is adapted to and coupled to an individual one of a plurality of a plurality of remote land-line telephones; wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches a plurality of remote wireless interfaces each of which is adapted to and coupled to an individual one of a plurality of a plurality of remote land-line telephones ([0022]); wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type ([0022]) and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include a plurality of remote wireless interfaces each of which is adapted to and coupled to an individual one of a plurality of a plurality of remote land-line telephones; wherein said land-line station device is of the non cordless type and is operable to provide communication service when directly connected to a land-line instead of a wireless interface, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claims 2 and 13, Janssen teaches apparatus that monitors said incoming call (col. 7 lines 12-25); and apparatus that detects an on-hook signal at said one remote station device for terminating said call (col. 7 lines 12-25). However, Janssen fails to disclose the said remote station is a remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches the said remote station is a remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include the said remote station is a

remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claims 3 and 14, Janssen teaches apparatus responsive to the initiation of an outgoing call by a calling one of said remote station devices for extending said outgoing call and via said first wireless interface of said cell phone base and via said cell phone to a called station served by said remote wireless network (col. 7 lines 26-47). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claims 4 and 15, Janssen teaches said at least one remote station device comprises any combination of: computers (col. 4 line 65 - col. 5 line 2). However, Janssen fails to disclose the said remote station is a remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches the said remote station is a remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include the said remote station is a remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claims 5, 16 and 17, Janssen teaches apparatus that detects an off-hook state of a calling one of said remote land line telephones ([0042]); apparatus that transmits said off-hook signal from said calling remote land line telephone to said cell phone ([0043]); apparatus that activates said cell phone in response to the receipt of said off-hook signal ([0043]); apparatus including said cell phone for receiving a called station number from said calling remote land line station telephone ([0043]); apparatus including said calling remote land line telephone for transmitting said called station number to said cell phone ([0043]); said cell phone being responsive to the receipt of said call station number for initiating the establishment of a call via said wireless network to said called station ([0043]); apparatus for detecting an on-hook state of said called station or of said calling remote land line telephone for transmitting a call end signal to said cell phone ([0044]); said cell phone being responsive to said receipt of said call end signal for ending said call ([0044]). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).



It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claims 6 and 19, Janssen teaches an apparatus including said cell phone for detecting the receipt of an incoming call from said wireless network ([0045]); apparatus including said cell phone responsive to said detecting for applying a ringing control signal to the wireless interface associated with said cell phone ([0045]); apparatus for transmitting said ringing control signal to said remote land line telephones ([0045]); apparatus responsive to the receipt of said ringing control signal for applying ringing current to said remote land line telephones ([0045]); apparatus for generating an off-hook signal at a responsive one of remote land line telephones ([0045]); said off-hook signal is transmitted to said cell phone via said responsive land line telephone ([0045]); said cell phone being responsive to receipt of said off-hook signal for terminating the generation of said ringing control signal ([0045]); being responsive to the termination of said ringing control signal for termination ringing at said remote land line telephones ([0045]); said cell phone being effective to monitor said incoming call ([0045]); apparatus for detecting an on-hook state of said called station or of said responsive remote land line telephone for transmitting a call end signal to said cell phone ([0045]); and said cell phone being responsive to said receipt of said cell end

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signal for ending said incoming call ([0045]). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 7, Janssen teaches said land line station devices comprising land line telephones, characterized in that said cell phone is adapted to serve calls between said wireless network and said remote land line telephone only when said cell phone is connected signal-wise to said base unit ([0045]). However, Janssen fails to disclose the said remote station is a remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches the said remote station is a remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include the said remote station is a remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 9, Janssen teaches said apparatus for receiving is operable to receive said indicia within said first wireless interface from said cell phone and to extend said call via said remote land line telephone; and said apparatus for receiving is also operable to receive said indicia within said remote land line telephone and to extend said call connection via said first wireless interface to said cell phone ([0045]). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 10, Janssen teaches the system as described above but fails to teach at least one of said additional wireless interface is integrated into the one of said remote non-cordless land line telephones individual to said wireless interface.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches at least one of said additional wireless interface is integrated into the one of said remote non-cordless land line telephones individual to said wireless interface ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include a non-cordless land line station device each being individual to and coupled to a different one of said wireless interfaces, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 18, Janssen teaches an off-hook signal generated by said calling remote land line telephone is transmitted to said cell phone ([0042]); said calling remote land line telephone dials the number of the called station to which call is to be extended ([0043]); said dialed number is transmitted to said cell phone which transmits said dialed number to said wireless network for the establishment of a connection to said called station ([0043]); said cell phone monitors said call unit an on-hook signal is detected at said calling remote land line telephone and/or at said called station ([0044]); and said cell phone is responsive to the detection of said on-hook signal to terminate the call between said calling remote land line telephone and said called station ([0042], [0043] and [0044]). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney,

for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

As to claim 20, Janssen teaches the step of operating said cell phone is effective to serve calls between said wireless network and said remote land line telephones only when said cell phone is connected signal-wise to said base unit to connect said cell phone with said first wireless interface via said base unit (figure 1 – [0027]). However, Janssen fails to disclose said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device.

In an analogous art, Charney teaches said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device ([0022]).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Janssen's system to include said remote wireless interfaces unique to said calling remote land-line station device, as taught by Charney, for the advantage of enabling communication with a variety of different networks ([0008]).

5. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent Application No. 2003/0157929 Janssen et al. (Janssen) and US Patent Application 2004/0132485 Charney et al. (Charney) as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of US Patent No. 6,775,522 Schornack et al. (Schornack).

As to claim 11, the combined system of Janssen and Charney teaches the system as described above. However, the combined system fails to teach a pair of tip and ring conductors.

In an analogous art, Schornack teaches a pair of tip and ring conductors (figure 2, col. 3 lines 62-66).

It would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the combined system of Janssen and Charney to include a pair of tip and ring conductors, as taught by Schornack, for the advantage of adapting to a standard.

### ***Conclusion***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gary Au whose telephone number is (571) 272-2822. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am-5pm Monday to Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent P. Harper can be reached on (571) 272-7605. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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